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Appl. No. 09/824,787**Remarks**

Claims 1-37 as originally filed have been canceled. New claims 38-166 have been added. The new claims are directed generally to isolated C35 peptide epitopes and epitope analogs and to isolated polypeptides and fusion proteins comprising same. Also claimed are compositions comprising said epitopes and epitope analogs, isolated polypeptides and fusion proteins. Support for the new claims can be found, *inter alia*, in the specification at paragraphs 0073-0079, 0086-0087, 0089-0094, 183-0185 and in Tables 1-6. Accordingly, no new matter is believed to be added by these amendments.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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